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Amendment After Appeal

REMARKS

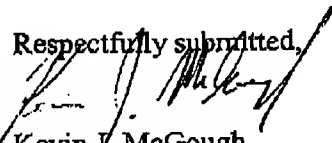
Claims 1-7 are pending in the application and stand as finally rejected. A Notice of Appeal of the final rejection of claims 1-7 was filed on September 17, 2004. On February 23, 2005, a Brief on Appeal was submitted in furtherance of the September 17, 2004 Notice of Appeal.

In telephone interviews conducted between the Examiner and Applicants' undersigned counsel on April 7, 2005, April 8, 2005, and April 12, 2005, the Examiner indicated that claim 1 as amended herein and remaining claims 2-7 are allowable.

Accordingly, this Amendment is submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and MPEP 1207. The Amendment amends the specification and claims of the above-identified application on appeal in order to place the application in condition for allowance. The instant application as originally filed supported each of the specification and claim amendments made herein.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments and issuance of the claims as amended herein.

Respectfully submitted,


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